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SUBJECT: ESCAP: ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
(ACPR), 16TH SESSION, JANUARY 29, 1976, BANGKOK

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1. SUMMARY: LENGTHLY SESSION UNDER FRENCH CHAIRMAN RESULTED IN APPROVING REPORT ON CONTINUING PUBLICATIONS, GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS AND DRAFT ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA. DRAFTING GROUP OF SEVEN UNDER INDIAN PERMREP RAM SELECTED TO WRITE ACPR REPORT BY FEBRUARY 10. EXPERT GROUP FEASIBILITY REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN INDIA MERELY NOTED. DISCUSSION IN DEPTH OF WORK PROGRAM POSTPONED AGAIN UNTIL RESUMED SESSION FEBRUARY 2. END SUMMARY.

2. ACPR QUICKLY APPROVED ITS REVIEW OF ESCAP CONTINUING PUBLICATIONS, ACPR/74 AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS, ACPR/72. UK OBJECTIONS ELIMINATED ANY REFERENCE IN FIRST DOCUMENT TO POSSIBLE TRAVEL FUND TO ASSIST DRAFTING ANNUAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY; REFERENCE WILL BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL ACPR REPORT TO COMMISSION. GUIDELINES ONLY MODIFICATIONS WERE (A) INDIAN - TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT DESCRIPTION OF DISPUTES IN WRITING SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND (B) THAI - TO NOTE IN FOOTNOTE YEAR WHEN GUIDELINES REVISED. SECRETARIAT ALSO TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OBTAIN ACPR AGREEMENT THAT

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THEIR RECEIPT OF ESCAP DOCUMENTS WOULD MEET SIX WEEK MINIMUM

TIME RULE.

3. MARAMIS THEN SPOKE BRIEFLY OF RECENT BANGKOK MEETING OF UN EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND EMPHASIS PLACED ON INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION. HE TRIED TO GET ACPR TO STUDY IMMEDIATELY A NEW PAPER, ACPR/80, ANALYZING WORK PROGRAM BUT DISCUSSION OF PAPER AND WORK PROGRAM POSTPONED AGAIN UNTIL FEBRUARY 2 RESUMED SESSION.

4. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA, ACPR/76, LED TO AUSTRALIAN DEMAND SUPPORTED BY NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, JAPAN AND NETHERLANDS THAT THERE BE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM (INSTEAD OF SUB-ITEM) ON WORK PROGRAM AND CURRENT FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS (UNDP FREEZE) TO BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY. MARAMIS RELUCTANTLY AGREED AND WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITY WITH CURRENT INDIAN ESCAP CHAIRMAN AT GROUP OF 77 MINISTERIAL IN MANILA.

5. SOME TIME SPENT APPOINTING DRAFTING GROUP OF INDIA, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, PAKISTAN AND NEPAL AND UK FOR ACPR REPORT TO COMMISSION. REPORT WILL BE BASED MAINLY ON SUMMARIES OF MEETINGS HELD.

6. FOR RECORD SECRETARIAT INTRODUCED ACPR/79, SUMMARY REPORT OF EXPERT GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHING REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INDIA. SIX EXPERTS FAVORED INDIA, WANTED ESCAP AS EXECUTING AGENCY AND RECOMMENDED CENTER SHOULD MAINLY SUPPORT NATIONAL CENTERS IN ESCAP REGION. REPORT WAS NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

7. BRIEF DISCUSSION DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (ACPR/78) INDICATED ONLY ONE WEEK INTERVALS BETWEEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN FALL 1976. SECRETARIAT PROMISED TRY SPREAD OUT MEETINGS INTO SUMMER WITH TWO WEEK INTERVALS. FIRST MEETING WILL BE POPULATION COMMITTEE, JUNE 22-28, 1976.

8. BEFORE CLOSING, SECRETARIAT INTRODUCED ITS ANALYSIS OF WORK PROGRAMS (ACPR/80) WHICH RECOGNIZES CONSTANT HISTORICAL ACPR PRESSURE (MAINLY U.S. AND OTHER DCS) TO GET PRIORITIES ALLOCATED, REDUCE PROLIFERATION OF PROGRAMS AND FOCUS ON RESOURCE AVAILABILITY. STUDY NOTED 26 PERCENT TOTAL RESOURCES UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVOTED TO FIVE PRIORITY AREAS WITH REMAINDER COVERING 15 OTHER AREAS. 8,164 MAN-MONTHS OVER 1976-77 PERIOD WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CURRENT WORK PROGRAM AT ESTIMATED COST \$33 MILLION. GREAT ATTENTION THEN DEVOTED TO NEED FOR EXTRA BUDGETARY FUNDS AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO COVER THESE HIGH COSTS. FIVE USEFUL PRIORITY CATEGORIES ARE LISTED (INCLUDING "NOT TO BE PURSUED") AND THESE ARE APPLIED TO NATURAL RESOURCES WORK PROGRAM. PAPER SUGGESTS, FOR FIRST TIME

IN ESCAP HISTORY, ANY ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMS HENCEFORTH  
MUST BE MATCHED BY DELETION OF ACTIVITIES OR ASSIGNING LOW  
PRIORITIES TO OTHERS.

9. COPY MARAMIS SPEECH AND DOCUMENTS ACPR/76, 79 AND 80 AIR  
MAILED STOKES, IO/CMD, NO INSTRUCTIONS NECESSARY FOR FEBRUARY  
2 RESUMED SESSION.  
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